

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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For: CERAMIC BASE MATERIAL	:	

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2008.

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